

(Public Affairs) and, upon nomination, to designate her as Acting.

The President announced his intention to nominate Douglas W. Webster to be Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Labor.

The President announced his intention to designate Christopher A. Padilla as Acting Under Secretary for International Trade at the Department of Commerce.

The President announced his intention to designate John C. Rood as Acting Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security at the Department of State.

The President declared a major disaster in Illinois and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding from August 20–31.

September 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush met with United States Mission to the United Nations staff and their families. They then met with Joel I. Klein, chancellor, New York City Department of Education. Then, at a private residence, they attended a Republican National Committee reception.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

September 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with Big Brother of the Year, Charles Matthews, and Big Sister of the Year, Crystal Rivera.

In the afternoon, the President met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Yang Jiechi of China.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will host Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, on November 9–10.

September 28

In the morning, the President had a video teleconference with Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Map Room, the President participated in an interview with

Michael Rutz and Stephan Lamby of ARD German Television.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi to discuss SCHIP reauthorization legislation.

In the evening, at the Library of Congress, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the 2007 National Book Festival Gala and dinner.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted September 25

Christina H. Pearson, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Suzanne C. DeFrancis, resigned.

Withdrawn September 25

John A. Rizzo, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, vice Scott W. Muller, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Submitted September 27

Javaid Anwar, of Nevada, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2007, vice Elmer B. Staats, term expired.

Javaid Anwar, of Nevada, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2013 (reappointment).

Madonna Cynthia Douglass, of Virginia, to be a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2013, vice W. Scott Railton, term expired.

Douglas W. Webster,
of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer,
Department of Labor, vice Samuel T. Mok,
resigned.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released September 22

Statement by the Press Secretary on the Montreal Protocol to reduce greenhouse gases and protect the ozone layer

Released September 24

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino and a senior administration official on the President's bilateral meetings

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley

Statement by the Press Secretary: Egypt: Setbacks on Press Freedom and Civil Society

Fact sheet: Today's Education Announcement

Released September 25

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the President's bilateral with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Council Senior Director for Democracy, Human Rights, and International Organizations Michael Kozak

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's support for reauthorizing SCHIP

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Illinois

Fact sheet: A Mission of Liberation Around the World

Fact sheet: Burma: Calling for Human Dignity and Democracy

Released September 26

Fact sheet: 2007 Nation's Report Card Shows Minority Students Posting All-Time Highs

Released September 27

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Transcript of a press briefing by Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters, Federal Aviation Administration Acting Administrator Robert A. Sturgell, and Domestic Policy Council Deputy Director Jess Sharp on aviation congestion

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's decision to veto the SCHIP reauthorization bill passed by Congress

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2669 and H.R. 3580

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 3528

Fact sheet: Major Economies Meeting on Energy Security and Climate Change

Fact sheet: College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007

Fact sheet: New Steps To Address Airport Passenger Delays

Released September 28

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 954, H.R. 3218, and H.R. 3375

Fact sheet: Toward a New Global Approach to Climate Change and Energy Security

Excerpt of the President's radio address